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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BR, US

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER

SILVEIRA

ROME FOR AARON WITH VICE PRESIDENT/S PARTY

1. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, PLEASE DELIVER

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS,

TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA:

BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS TO MAKE HIMSELF
AVAILABLE TO YOU AND WANT TO CONVEY TO YOU, BY MEANS
OF THIS LETTER AND HIS PRESENCE, THE IMPORTANCE WE
ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH BRAZIL.

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WE WISH TO AFFIRM OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES WHICH HAVE SERVED BOTH COUNTRIES SO WELL OVER THE YEARS. MY COLLEAGUES IN THIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES -- BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL -- WITH WHICH OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL BE CONFRONTED IN COMING MONTHS. FOR MY OWN PART, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE EARLY OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING

YOU.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES.
SINCERELY,

CYRUS VANCE. END QUOTE.

2. YOU CAN MAKE ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS
ORALLY TO SILVEIRA:

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STORIES OF THE PAST WEEK NOT AFFECT US-BRAZILIAN
RELATIONS;

-- WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY TO CONSULT
ON THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES OUTSTANDING BETWEEN US,
INCLUDING THE NUCLEAR. I RECOGNIZE THAT THE DIFFERENCES
ON SOME ISSUES ARE DEEP, BUT I AM COMMITTED TO ATTEMPTING
TO REDUCE THEM, WHERE THAT MAY BE POSSIBLE, BY FRANK
CONSULTATION;

-- I BELIEVE WE OWE THE GOB AN EARLY AND AUTHORITA-
TIVE PRESENTATION OF THE PERSPECTIVES PRESIDENT CARTER'S
ADMINISTRATION BRINGS TO THE NUCLEAR ISSUE. WE WOULD BE
PREPARED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO BRASILIA FOR THAT
PURPOSE AT SILVEIRA'S CONVENIENCE.

-- WHILE WE HAVE NOT WORKED OUT DETAILED NUCLEAR
POLICIES -- AND DO NOT INTEND TO CONSULT ON IMPORTANT
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ISSUES THROUGH THE PRESS -- I WOULD LIKE THE FOREIGN
MINISTER TO KNOW THAT IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT, VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE CONVEYED PRESIDENT
CARTER'S INTEREST IN MOVING TOWARD OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS
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WE WISH TO DISCUSS WITH YOU A RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES
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-- THIS APPROACH WOULD NOT REQUIRE ABROGATION OF YOUR
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MENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

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-- AS YOU KNOW, THIS ADMINISTRATION IS APPROACHING THE PROLIFERATION QUESTION IN ALL ITS ASPECTS INCLUDING THE NEED FOR GREATER EFFORTS ON THE PART OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES. THIS BALANCED VIEW IS THE CONTEXT

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IN WHICH WE ARE SEEKING INDEFINITE DEFERRAL OF THE ENRICHMENT AND REPROCESSING PROJECTS.

(IF ASKED: WE WILL PURSUE OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PAKISTANI REPROCESSING PROJECT WITH BOTH FRANCE AND PAKISTAN. THE ADMINISTRATION VIEWS ALL SUCH TRANSFERS IN THE SAME LIGHT, AND ATTACHES THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO FINDING ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES.)

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